

REMARKS

Claims 10-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Particularly, the Examiner objects to Applicants' replacing "consisting essentially" with: "comprising" in claim 1, line 3; "further includes" in claim 14, line 2; and "further comprises" in claim 16, line 2.

In response, Applicants have amended claim 10 to replace the term "comprising" with "consisting essentially of". Applicants have also amended claim 14 to replace "further includes" with "consists essentially of", but have further amended the claim to more clearly define, among other things, that the liquid monomer and the dye are contained within the binder. Applicants have amended claim 16 to remove "host matrix further comprises", and to define that the liquid monomer is part of a pre-polymer mixture consisting essentially of: the liquid monomer; a crosslinker; an initiator; and a photosensitizer. Finally, claim 17 has been amended to change "monomer" to "liquid monomer", to comply with amended claim 16.

Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments find support in the specification and claims as originally filed, and thus no new matter is believed to be introduced. Applicants further submit that the claims as amended are supported in the specification and claims as originally filed, and thus the claims are believed to comply with the written description requirement.

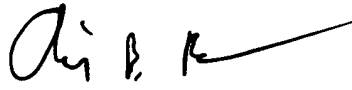
As Applicants have addressed all of the stated issues regarding support in the specification for the claims, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and

withdrawal of the rejection of claims 10-24, and allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner believes that additional issues exist as to the provided support for the amended claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the below-listed number to resolve such issues.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner should call Applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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